Introduced by Senator Migden

February 22, 2005

An act relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 661, as introduced, Migden. Public postsecondary education: student athletes.

Existing law establishes the public postsecondary education system in California. Among the segments of public postsecondary education in the state is the California State University, which is administered by the Trustees of the California State University.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require the California State University to offer 12-month scholarships instead of 9-month scholarships to its student athletes and to offer an additional 12-month scholarship to a student athlete who has exhausted his or her athletic eligibility but is within 20 semester units, or the equivalent number of quarter units, of qualifying for graduation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that will ensure the best academic standards for
- 3 student athletes of the California State University by requiring
- 4 the university to provide both of the following for its student
- 5 athletes:
- 6 (a) Offer 12-month scholarships instead of the current
- 7 nine-month academic-year scholarship.

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1 (b) Offer an additional 12-month scholarship to a student 2 athlete who has exhausted his or her athletic eligibility but is 3 within 20 semester units, or the equivalent number of quarter 4 units, of qualifying for graduation.